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For: ACYL DEOXYRIBONUCLEOSIDE DERIVATIVES AND USES THEREOF

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Sir:

REQUEST FOR REINSTATEMENT OF APPLICATION TO PENDING CONDITION

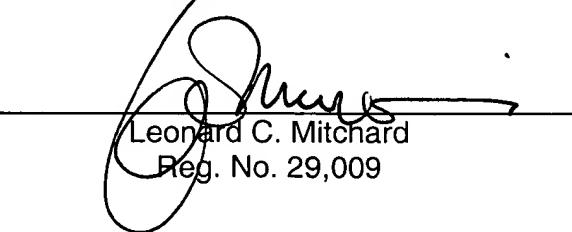
In the Notice of Abandonment mailed September 10, 2004, the reason for abandonment is stated to be that: "A notice of appeal was filed on 2/13/04; however to date no appeal brief has been filed and the term for extending from the date of the final rejection on 8/13/2004 has passed." This reason is incorrect.

The total term for extension is five months from April 13, 2004, i.e., to September 13, 2004. An appeal brief was filed on September 10, 2004, together with a five month extension request and appeal brief fee.

Reinstatement of the present case to pending condition is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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